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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 26 March 1959

FROM : Deputy Chief, Area Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

- 25X1 1. Our annual area meeting at [] has been postponed from the 6th of April until a date to be fixed in May, as a result of our concentration during April on the Personal Effectiveness Abroad exercise. Meanwhile, I plan to submit for your review such proposed modifications of the area program as are essential before we draw up the 6-month schedule of courses which R/TR may publish in the next OTR Bulletin. Deadline for submission of the schedule is the week of 20 April. The later staff meeting at [] would concern itself with internal procedures, extent of desirable standardization of teaching methods, and "public relations" problems.
- 25X1 2. [] nomination of a substitute at this Thursday's Free Europe seminar session meets all our essential requirements, though lacking a "big name." He is Russell Fessenden, Deputy Director of the Office of European Regional Affairs, and an old friend of mine who was a close contact during the critical years from 1952-1954 when American policy in Europe was frustrated by French delay on ratification of the EDC treaty. To our session he brings almost ten years of concentration on the new European organizations which are of primary concern to our main theme, "Implications of the European integration process." He is unusually direct in approach, conveys a strong impression of personal sincerity and enthusiasm for his field of professional interest, and has a background of graduate study at Cornell through the PhD. He attended the NATO War College near Paris in 1955 and returned from that overseas tour only last year.
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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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3. Our other guest specialist for this week's seminar sessions, Professor Zurcher of New York University, will be with us Thursday and Friday and will be taken in tow by [] who reports back from sick leave two days earlier than expected for this purpose.
4. I have prepared a special student critique form for senior seminars, and will ask the present class to take it with them for thoughtful consideration and return by next Tuesday. I hope to have a tentative analysis of these results for inclusion in next week's report.
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5. The experiment in "inter-personal relations" which, with the help of [] has been an added feature in RS - Southeast Asia, has proven very successful. Three different sessions have been held, one with a native Indonesian, one with a Burmese, and one with a Thai. Under [] skilled questioning many interesting facts about the customs, habits and characteristics of these different people have been elicited.
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6. [] attended the 13th annual Middle East Institute Conference which was held at the Mayflower Hotel on 20-21 March. The conference theme was "Nationalism, Neutralism, and Communism - The Struggle for Power." No clear-cut answers or solutions to area problems were convincingly advanced, but the size of the crowd attending the conference shows that with every passing day more and more people are at least wrestling with those problems.
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